(b) No. Government considered that no reply or acknowledgment was necessary.

(c) No action has been taken.

(d) Government have not considered the matter.

(e) Yes.

(f) Vide answer to (d).

The plight of labourers in the Palappilli Estate.

13. Dr. A. G. Menon.—With reference to the answer given to the supplementary question No. 319 of legislative session of Kumbham 1101, will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the writer of the article was examined; if not, will the Government be pleased to direct the officer to examine him;

(2) will the Government be pleased to place on the table the report of the Inspector, A. Division, and the statement of the writer of the article?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(1) The whereabouts of the writer of the article are unknown. Hence no examination was possible.

(2) Copy of the report is appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

The appointment of Mr. U. Kandir Menon as the Trichur Sirkar Vakil.

14. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether, in the appointment of Mr. U. Kandir Menon as Sirkar Vakil of Trichur, consideration was given to the claims of other practitioners of that Bar enjoying more lucrative practice;

(b) whether any other vakil or vakils were consulted or whether the vacancy was advertised or whether Mr. Kandir Menon has submitted his application in writing;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the negative, the special reason that induced the Government to appoint him under such exceptional circumstances;

(d) whether this appointment will be considered a precedent in filling up the vacancy to be created by the retirement of Mr. Ayyakkutti, District Judge?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The Government paid due consideration to all the relevant circumstances connected with the appointment of a Sirkar Vakil.

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(b) No.

(c) There were in the opinion of the Government no exceptional circumstances in the matter of the appointment under reference.

(d) What exactly the member means by the question is not understood.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what are those relevant circumstances?

President.—Whatever circumstances are relevant, they have all been considered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is the existence of vakils in Trichur enjoying more lucrative practice a relevant circumstance and was that considered?

President.—If it is relevant, it must have been considered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The predecessor of the present Sirkar Vakil, Mr. A. V. Krishna Ayyar, was not promoted as a District Judge. He was appointed as a Registrar. So there was some exceptional circumstance with regard to the appointment of Mr. U. Kandir Menon.

President.—You think so, but Government do not think so.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—After the appointment of Mr. U. Kandir Menon as District Judge on Rs. 600, may I know will this be considered as a matter of precedent in the matter of making appointments?

President.—You want to make it a precedent. The Government will not say that such and such a precedent should be followed in the matter of making appointments.

Theshifting of the Mala Registry Office.

15. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any correspondence is going on in connection with the shifting of the Mala Registry Office from the present site and about the formal acquisition of the present building of the above Registry Office by the Government? What is the amount offered by the owner of the building? How far has the Government proceeded in the matter?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar—No.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know whether any correspondence is going on regarding the shifting of the Mala Registry Office?

President.—The question has been dropped.

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